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Article I - Definitions and Interpretations

Section 6-1 Definitions and Rules of Construction.

(A) Unless otherwise specifically provided, or unless otherwise clearly required by the context, the words and phrases defined in this section shall have the meaning indicated when used in this chapter.

- (1) ***Administrator.*** The public works director or any other person designated by the Board to perform the functions assigned by this chapter to the administrator. Whenever this ordinance authorizes or requires the administrator to install a traffic control device controlling parking or regulating the movement of traffic on, to, or from a state-highway-system street and the installation of such a device is in practice a function of the State Department of Transportation, the administrator may discharge his responsibility by requesting the State Department of Transportation to install such device.
- (2) ***Driver.*** The operator of a vehicle.
- (3) ***Golf cart.*** A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 MPH. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*
- (4) ***Highway or street.*** The entire width between property or right-of-way lines of every way of place of whatever nature, when any part thereof is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the purposes of vehicular traffic. The terms "highway" or "street" or a combination of the two terms shall be used synonymously.
- (5) ***Intersection.*** The area embraced within the prolongation of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral edge of roadway lines of two or more highways which join one another at any angle whether or not one such highway crosses the other. Where a highway includes two roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection.
- (6) ***Local street.*** A street within the town that is not part of the state highway system.
- (7) ***Motor vehicle.*** Every vehicle that is self-propelled and every vehicle designed to run upon the highways that is pulled by a self-propelled vehicle.
- (8) ***Operate.*** To drive, or be in physical control of a golf cart that is moving or has its key inserted and in the on position. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*
- (9) ***Operator.*** A person in actual physical control of a vehicle that is in motion or that has the engine running.

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- (10) ***Parking or standing.*** A vehicle is parked or is permitted to stand when it is stopped and allowed to remain in a fixed location for any duration of time, whether attended or unattended. Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the limitations on parking and standing in this chapter apply only to locations within a street right-of-way. In no case do these limitations apply when a vehicle is stopped to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device or as the result of an emergency or because the vehicle is disabled.
- (11) ***Roadway.*** That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the shoulder. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" as used herein shall refer to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.
- (12) ***Safety zone.*** A traffic island or other space that is officially set aside within a highway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and that is so plainly marked or indicated by proper signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.
- (13) ***State-highway-system street.*** A street within the town that is part of the state highway system. Whenever this chapter regulates parking or the movement of traffic on, to, or from a state-highway-system street, then to the extent that concurrence by the State Department of Transportation is necessary (by passage of a concurring ordinance or otherwise) such regulation shall not become effective until such concurrence is obtained. The streets or portions of streets within the town that are part of the state-highway-system are listed in Appendix A to this chapter, Section 6A-1.
- (14) ***Street.*** See "*highway*".
- (15) ***Traffic control device.*** Any sign, signal, marking or other device placed or erected pursuant to a lawfully adopted ordinance and designed to regulate, warn, guide or control traffic.
- (16) ***Traffic control signal.*** Any device designed to regulate, guide, or control traffic through the use of alternating or flashing lights or by some other mechanical means.
- (17) ***Vehicle.*** Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon fixed rails or tracks; provided, that for the purposes of this chapter bicycles shall be deemed vehicles and every rider of a bicycle upon a highway shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter applicable to the driver of a vehicle except those which by their nature can have no application.

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Article II - Traffic Control and Traffic Control Devices

Section 6-2 Stoplights Required at Certain Intersections and Locations.

(A) The administrator shall erect or install mechanical stoplights to regulate vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the intersections and locations set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-2. The effect of such stoplights on vehicles and pedestrians shall be as provided in G.S. 20-158 and 20-172.

(B) The administrator shall erect signs notifying motorists that no right-turn-on-red is permitted at the locations designated in Appendix A, Section 6A-3. When such signs are erected, no person may make a right turn against a red light contrary to such signs.

Section 6-3 Flashing Red or Yellow Lights Required at Certain Intersections and Locations.

The administrator shall erect or install mechanical red or yellow blinking or flashing lights at the locations specified in Appendix A, Section 6A-4. The effect of such blinking or flashing red or yellow lights on vehicles and pedestrians shall be as provided in G.S. 20-158 and 20-172.

Section 6-4 Stop Signs Required at Certain Intersections.

(A) The second-named street in the list of intersections set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-5 is hereby designated as a main traveled or through street, and the administrator shall erect stop signs on the first named street at the entrance to the main traveled or through street. The effect of such stop signs on vehicles and pedestrians shall be as provided in G.S. 20-158 and 20-172.

(B) The intersections of the streets set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-6 are declared to be four-way stop intersections, and the administrator shall erect stop signs on each street at the entrance to the intersection. The effect of such a stop sign on vehicles and pedestrians shall be as provided in G.S. 20-158 and 20-172.

Section 6-5 One-Way Streets.

(A) Whenever a street is designated a one-way street and traffic control devices are installed in accordance with subsection (B), no person may drive a vehicle on such street except in the direction indicated by the traffic control devices. *[Note: G.S. 20-165.1 makes it unlawful to drive contrary to a sign erected by the State Department of Transportation.]*

(B) The streets set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-7 are hereby designated one-way streets, and the administrator shall install appropriate traffic control devices at every intersection clearly indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement.

Section 6-6 Yield-Right-of-Way Signs at Certain Intersections.

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The second named street in the following list of intersections set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-8 is hereby designated as a main traveled or through street, and the administrator shall erect yield-right-of-way signs on the first named street at the entrance to the main traveled or through street. The effect of such yield-right-of-way signs on vehicles and pedestrians shall be as provided in G.S. 20-148 and 20-172.

Section 6-7 Turning Regulated.

- (A) No person may make a "U" turn upon any street except at the terminus of a dead street.
- (B) Whenever, pursuant to subsection (C), appropriate traffic control devices are installed that clearly indicate that right or left turns, or all turns are prohibited or required from a particular lane of traffic, no person may drive any vehicle contrary to the directions of any traffic control device so installed.
- (C) The following restrictions on turning (as set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-9) shall henceforth be in effect at the indicated locations and the administrator shall install appropriate traffic control devices that clearly and adequately notify drivers of the turns required or prohibited.
 - (1) Turns prohibited at intersections: Appendix A, subsection 6A-9(A).
 - (2) Left turns prohibited: Appendix A, subsection 6A-9(B).
 - (3) Right turns prohibited: Appendix A, subsection 6A-9(C).

Section 6-8 Unlawful Passing.

- (A) Whenever, pursuant to subsection (B), appropriate traffic control devices have been installed that clearly indicate that no passing is allowed on a portion of any street, no driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another on any portion of any street so restricted. *[Note: G.S. 20-150(e) makes it unlawful to pass contrary to signs posted by the State Department of Transportation.]*
- (B) The administrator may install appropriate traffic control devices to indicate that no passing is allowed whenever and wherever he determines that passing would be unsafe on that portion of a street because:
 - (1) The street intersects with another street;
 - (2) The slope or grade of the street is such or the street curves to such an extent that a driver's view is obstructed within a distance of 500 feet;
 - (3) Any other conditions exist making passing hazardous.

Section 6-9 Crosswalks and Safety Zones.

The board finds that there is a particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway at the locations set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-10 and the administrator shall establish and maintain crosswalks and safety zones at these locations by placing marks or lanes upon the surface of the roadway or by other traffic control devices. The effect of such crosswalks upon vehicles and pedestrians shall be provided in G.S. 20-173 and 20-174, and other provisions of law. As provided in G.S. 20-160(b), no driver of a vehicle may drive through or over a safety zone.

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Section 6-10 Blocking Intersections and Crosswalks.

No driver may enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle he is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians.

Section 6-11 No-Thru Trucks Designated.

Certain streets may be designated “no-thru truck” streets and shall be prohibited from usage by vehicles with greater than two (2) axles unless prior approval has been obtained from the Police Department. Vehicles used pursuant to municipal, county, state, or federal government operations shall be exempt from this section. Furthermore, any vehicle used in conjunction with construction, farming, home furnishings, moving and storage, to locations on said “no-thru truck” streets shall be exempt from this section. However, drivers of all vehicles using town streets shall use caution and are liable for damage. Appropriate signage shall be posted stating “no-thru truck” designation.

A list of applicable streets designated as “no-thru truck” streets may be established and amended from time to time by the Board of Commissioners. A list of “no-thru truck” streets is set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-17.

[Adopted August 8, 2006]

Sections 6-12 through 6-18 Reserved.

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Article III - Speed Limits

Section 6-19 General Speed Limit.

As provided in G.S. 20-141(b)(1) no person may drive a vehicle on a street or in a public vehicular area in excess of 35 miles per hour unless a different speed is established by this article.

Section 6-20 Speed Limits.

(A) Whenever a speed limit has been established and appropriate traffic control devices have been installed in accordance with subsection (B), no person may operate a vehicle on any street in excess of the posted speed.

(B) The speed limits set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-12 shall be applicable to the streets named therein, and the administrator shall install appropriate traffic control devices clearly indicating the established speed limit.

(C) The speed limits set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-13 shall be applicable to the streets named therein (which are in the vicinity of a public or private elementary or secondary school), and the administrator shall install appropriate traffic control devices clearly indicating the established speed limit.

(1) The reduced speed limits set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-13 shall not be in effect for more than 500 feet on either side of the school property line.

(2) The reduced speed limits set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-13 shall be effective only for the period running from thirty minutes before the time school begins until thirty minutes after school ends its daily schedule.

Sections 6-21 and 6-22 Reserved.

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Article IV - Parking

Section 6-23 Parking Prohibited in Certain Locations; No Traffic Control Devices Required.

- (A) Except where explicit permission has been granted by the Administrator, Police Chief or their designee, no person may park any vehicle, permit it to stand, or place any obstructions in any of the following locations:
- (1) As provided in G.S. 20-162, in front of a private driveway;
 - (2) As provided in G.S. 20-162, within 15 feet of either direction of a fire hydrant (whether or not located in a public right-of-way) or entrance to a fire station;
 - (3) As provided in G.S. 20-162, within 15 feet of the intersection of curb lines, or if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways;
 - (4) Within an intersection or on a marked crosswalk;
 - (5) Within 30 feet of any traffic control signal or device installed at an intersection, regardless of whether the vehicle is located within or outside of the public right-of-way;
 - (6) On a sidewalk or on the space between the sidewalk and the curb;
 - (7) In any portion of a roadway intended to carry traffic at the time such vehicle is parked or left standing, except as permitted in Section 6-29;
 - (8) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, standing, or parked at the edge of a curb or street;
 - (9) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such parking or standing would obstruct traffic;
 - (10) In any alley or private road in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular travel or to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property; and
 - (11) In any parking space clearly marked as reserved for the handicapped, whether on public or private property, unless the driver of or a passenger in such vehicle is handicapped.
 - (12) Commercial overnight parking is prohibited on any Town owned property.

- (B) The administrator may install no-parking signs, yellow curb markings or other traffic control devices to indicate where parking and standing is prohibited as stated in subsection (A), but enforcement of the provisions of this section is not dependent on the installation of such devices.

Section 6-24 Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets at Certain Times.

(A) Whenever, pursuant to subsection (B), the administrator has installed signs, ~~yellow~~ pavement markings, or other traffic control devices clearly indicating that parking or standing within a specified area is prohibited, or is allowed only at certain times, for a certain duration, by certain vehicle types, or by certain special permits (i.e. handicap placards), no person may park any vehicle or permit it to stand contrary to the directions of those traffic control devices.

(B) The administrator shall install no-parking signs, ~~yellow~~-curb markings, or traffic control devices to indicate that parking and standing is prohibited under the circumstances and at the locations set forth in Appendix A, Sections 6A-14 through 6A-16.

(C) A change of position of vehicle from one point directly to another point within the same block or parking lot shall be deemed a continuous parking period.

Section 6-25 Parking Prohibited for Certain Purposes.

Except when explicit permission has been granted by the Administrator, Police Chief or their designee, no person may park any vehicle, permit it to stand, or place any obstruction upon any street or public parking area, owned by the Town, for any of the following principal purposes:

- (1) Displaying it for sale, except foreclosure and judicial sales;
- (2) Washing, greasing, changing tires, or repairing such vehicle, except to the extent necessitated by an emergency;
- (3) Storage thereof by garages, dealers, businesses or other persons when such storage is not incidental to the bona fide use and operation of such vehicle or for a period of more than 48 hours;
- (4) Storage of any detached trailer or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected;
- (5) Transferring merchandise or freight from one vehicle to another.
- (6) In any manner which prevents or obstructs the normal use of the street or parking area.

Section 6-26 Parking Close to Curb; Marked Spaces.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this article, no person may park a vehicle or permit it to stand in roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, heading in the direction of lawful traffic movement, and with the wheels of the vehicle within twelve inches of the curb or the edge of the roadway.

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(B) The administrator may mark any street where parking is permitted with lines that indicate the parking space for vehicles, and no person may park any vehicle outside such lines.

Section 6-27 Angle Parking.

(A) Whenever, pursuant to subsection (B), pavement markings have been installed to indicate that angle parking is permitted, no person may park or permit a vehicle to stand within an area so marked unless the vehicle is located entirely within a marked space.

(B) The administrator may mark for angle parking those areas where parking is permitted under this chapter that the administrator determines are most appropriate for this form of parking, taking into account the need to maximize the number of available parking spaces, consistent with free flow of traffic and the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Section 6-28 Loading Zones Designated.

A loading zone designated by yellow lines and a sign stating "Loading Zone" may be established for the purpose of providing temporary parking for vehicles engaged in loading or off-loading merchandise or parcels to be delivered to locations within the general area. Such zones may be used only for the above stated purposes and then only for such reasonable amount of time as it takes for the delivery or pick-up to be made. Violations of this zone shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as established for illegal parking. Areas designated for loading zones shall be set forth in Appendix A, Section 6A-17 of this Ordinance.

[Amended July 27, 1987]

Section 6- 29 Special Parking Provisions. (Reserved)

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Article V - Miscellaneous

Section 6-30 Funeral Processions.

- (A) A funeral procession shall be identified as such in a manner determined by the chief of police to be adequate to give notice to the other drivers of the existence of such a procession.
- (B) Each driver in a funeral procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the road as practicable and shall follow the vehicle ahead as closely as possible consistent with obedience to traffic control signals and safe driving practices.
- (C) No person may drive a vehicle between the vehicles constituting a funeral procession when such vehicles are in motion and are conspicuously designated as provided in subsection (A).

Section 6-31 Special Provisions for Bicycles, Toy Vehicles, et cetera.

- (A) No person upon roller skates or a skateboard or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device may go upon any roadway. Provided, that "in-line skating" shall be allowed on Town streets, subject to the following requirements:
 - (1) All "in-line skaters" shall be required by law to wear wrist guards and a helmet;
 - (2) All "in-line skaters" shall be subject to and governed by all traffic laws in the Town of Blowing Rock pertaining to motor vehicles;
 - (3) "In-line skating" shall be prohibited on the U.S. Highway 321 By-Pass;
 - (4) "In-line skating" shall be prohibited on all town sidewalks; and
 - (5) No person shall ride or propel "in-line skates" upon a street or highway except in a prudent and careful manner and unless such a person be capable of efficient control and such "in-line skates" are operated with reasonable regard to the safety of the operator and other persons upon the streets and other public highways of the city. *[Amended May 10, 1995]*
- (B) No person upon roller skates or a skateboard or riding a bicycle, coaster, toy vehicle or similar device may attach himself or such a vehicle or device to any moving vehicle.
- (C) No person upon roller skates or a skateboard or riding a bicycle, coaster, toy vehicle or similar device may ride or drive upon any sidewalk. *[Amended June 23, 1986]*
- (D) The driver of a motorcycle or bicycle when upon the street may not carry any other person upon the handlebars, tank, or any other part of a motorcycle or bicycle not designed for carrying passengers.

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Section 6-32.01 Golf Carts on Public Streets and Roads.

Liability Disclaimer.

This article is adopted to address the interest of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on the public streets, and the town in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public streets or roads. The town, by regulating such operation is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this article is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on public streets is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this article. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts on public streets or roads do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The town has no liability under any theory of liability and the town assumes no liability, for permitting golf carts to be operated on the public streets and roads under the special legislation granted by the NC General Assembly. Any person who operates a golf cart is responsible for procuring liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a golf cart on the public streets and roads. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*

Standards of Operation.

It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on a public street or road within the Town unless the following requirements are met:

- (A) The golf cart must display a valid registration sticker as provided in Section 6-32.02.
- (B) Except as set forth in this subparagraph, the golf cart may only be operated on Town streets and roads with a posted speed limited of 35 MPH or less. In no instance is it permissible to cross or travel upon any road, or right-of-way thereof, with a speed limit greater than 35 MPH. Golf carts may not be operated on US 321 Bypass (Valley Blvd.) except to cross at the Sunset Drive intersection and the Green Hill Road/Rock Road intersection.
- (C) No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the streets and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such driver's license. An operator of a golf cart must be a licensed driver as required by the laws of their home state
- (D) Passengers must be properly seated while cart is in motion and may not be transported in a negligent manner. Specifically, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
- (E) No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions, and in no instance at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.
- (F) No golf cart may be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
- (G) Golf carts must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.

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- (H) Golf carts must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- (I) Golf carts may be operated in bicycle lanes on the streets and roads provided they do not impede bicycle traffic.
- (J) Golf carts are not allowed to be driven on any sidewalks in Town.
- (K) Golf carts are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker.
- (L) Golf carts must be equipped with a rear vision mirror and at least one side reflector per side and two rear reflectors.
- (M) Golf carts must have the basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer and shall include reflectors.
- (N) No cart may be operated on Town roadways between one half hour after sunset and sunrise. The Chief of Police may, at his discretion, allow operation during nighttime hours for special events such as July 4th festivities and Community Day.
- (O) Any golf cart operated on Town roadways must be equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) or one multi-light bar, and two operating tail lights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 Feet.
- (P) The operator must possess proof of liability insurance in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on a public highway in the State of North Carolina.
- (Q) The Chief of Police, or his designee, may prohibit the operation of golf carts on any street or road if the Chief determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*

Section 6-32.02 Registration Required.

- (A) No golf cart may be driven on any street or road, or street or road right-of-way, within the Town of Blowing Rock, other than on the golf course, or at properly designated cart crossings, without a permit being acquired from the Blowing Rock Police Department and attached to said golf cart in a conspicuous place on the lower left windshield.
- (B) An annual fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per cart will be charged by the Blowing Rock Police Department for this permit sticker and to cover the costs of implementing and maintaining this Ordinance. The Blowing Rock Police Chief retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any permit sticker from any cart at any time for any reason as appropriate to ensure the safety and well being of the citizens of the Town of Blowing Rock.
- (C) Prior issuance of a permit, each applicant shall acknowledge by signed statement they have received and read the provisions of this ordinance and agrees to its terms. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*

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Sections 6-33 through 6-34 Reserved.

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Article VI - Penalties and Remedies

Section 6-35 Penalties and Remedies.

(A) Any violation of the following sections shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both: Sections 6-5, 6-7, 6-8, 6-10, 6-19, 6-20, 6-30, and 6-31. *[Amended July 13, 1993]*

(B) Any violation of Section 6-32 or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute an infraction, punishable by a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus any court costs and attorney fees incurred by the Town. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*

(C) Operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance (i.e., alcohol or drugs) on a public road or highway is not a violation of this ordinance, but a violation of state law, and is punishable as provided therein. *[Amended March 9, 2010]*

(D) Any violation of Article IV and the appendices referenced therein shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$5.00. If the offender fails to pay this penalty within ten days after being cited for the violation and notified of the penalty, the town may seek to collect it in civil action in the nature of a debt. *[Amended July 13, 1993]*

(E) Any vehicle or obstruction, placed on any street or public parking area, in violation of Article IV, which presents a hazard or obstructs the normal use of the of the street or parking area by the public, may be removed or caused to be removed by the Administrator, Police Chief or their designee, at the owner's expense.

Note: The civil penalty stipulated in Section 6-35(B) has been superseded by the following parking violation fee schedule that was adopted by the Town Council on November 9, 1999:

Parking Violation Fines

<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Overtime	\$10.00
Two Spaces	\$10.00
Wrong Direction	\$10.00
Improper Use of Designated Space	\$25.00
No Parking	\$25.00
Parked in Street	\$25.00
Loading Zone	\$25.00
Parked on Sidewalk	\$25.00
Other	\$25.00

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Blocking Street (impeding traffic flow)	\$50.00
Fire Hydrant	\$50.00
Fire Lane	\$50.00
Handicap Zone	\$100.00

CHAPTER 6 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article VII – Off-Street Parking Fund

Section 6-40 Off-street Parking Fund.

The Board of Commissioners may establish a fund into which payments from individual firms, persons, corporations, or property owners shall be deposited for the purpose of providing off-street parking facilities, and from which appropriations shall be made exclusively for the purpose of organizing, establishing, developing, or enlarging off-street parking facilities within the town. The Board of Commissioners may provide in its land use ordinance that all developers must either provide adequate off-street parking (on site or off site) to serve their developments, or pay a fee to the town's off-street parking facilities fund based on the number of required parking spaces not provided. This off-street parking fund was explicitly and exclusively authorized by the NC General Assembly on June 15, 2005 (see Session Law 2005-86, Senate Bill 442).

[Adopted August 9, 2005]

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CHAPTER 6 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Appendix A - Street Lists for Traffic and Parking Regulations

Section 6A-1 State Highway System Streets.

In accordance with subsection 6-1(A)(11), the following constitutes a list of all streets or parts thereof that are part of the state highway system:

Street	From	To
Green Hill Road	U.S. 321	Wonderland Drive
Goforth Road	U.S. 321	City Limit
Wonderland Drive	Goforth Road	Green Hill Road
U.S. 321	U.S. 321 Bypass North	City Limit South
U.S. 321 Bypass	U.S. 321 North	U.S. 321 South
U.S. 221	U.S. 321	City Limit
Globe Road	U.S. 321	City Limit

Section 6A-2 Stoplights.

In accordance with Subsection 6-2(A), stoplights shall be placed at the following locations:

Street	Intersecting Street
U.S. 321 Bypass	Sunset Drive
U.S. 321 - Main Street	U.S. 221
U.S. 321 - Main Street	Sunset Drive
U.S. 321- Bypass	South Main Street
U.S. 321 – Bypass	North Main Street
U.S. 321 Bypass	Shoppes on Parkway Drive

Section 6A-3 No Right Turn on Red Intersections.

In accordance with Subsection 6-2(B), an operator of a vehicle may not make a right turn on traffic control signals emitting a red light facing the vehicle on the following approaches to the following intersections:

Street	Intersecting Street	Approach From
U.S. 321 - Main Street	Sunset Drive	South on Main Street

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Sunset Drive	Main Street	West on Sunset Drive
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Section 6A-4 Flashing Signals.

In accordance with Section 6-3, flashing red and yellow lights shall be installed at the following intersections with the flashing red light exhibited to the stop street and the flashing yellow light exhibited to the main street:

Stop Street	Approach	Main Street
None		

Section 6A-5 Stop Signs.

In accordance with Subsection 6-4(A), the administrator shall erect stop signs at the stop streets listed below along the approach to the main street as indicated:

Stop Street	Approach	Main Street
Maple Street	South	Sunset Drive
Ransom Street	North	Main Street
South White Pine Street	North	Sunset Drive
Spruce Road	North	Sunset Drive
Spruce Road	East	Sunset Drive
Rhododendron Drive	South	Sunset Drive
Rhododendron Drive	East	Sunset Drive
Sunset Drive	North	East Cornish Road
Rickard Drive	West	Sunset Drive
Possum Hollow Road	North	U.S. 321
West View Drive	West	U.S. 321 Bypass
Opossum Hollow Terrace	West	U.S. 321 Bypass
Forest Lane	West	Possum Hollow Road
Forest Lane	East	Elliott Circle
Plentywood Drive	West	Elliott Circle
Deepwood Place	South	High Ridge Lane
High Ridge Lane	West	Elliott Circle
Sunset Drive	East	Goforth Road
Wonderland Drive	West	Goforth Road
Wonderland Drive	East	Greenhill Road

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Rankin Road (north end)	East	Goforth Road
Rankin Road (south end)	East	Goforth Road
Sourwood Lane	West	Goforth Road
Oak Street	West	Goforth Road
Sourwood Lane	East	Green Hill Road
Hemlock Lane	West	Green Hill Road
Galax Lane	North	Goforth Road
Galax Lane	South	Green Hill Road
Tarry Acres	West	Green Hill Road
Green Hill Road	West	U.S. 321
Green Hill Road	West	Green Hill Circle
Green Hill Road	East	Green Hill Circle
West Green Hill Road	West	Green Hill Road
Green Hill Circle	West	Green Hill Road
Green Hill Circle	South	Green Hill Circle
Green Hill Circle	North	Green Hill Circle
Blackberry Lane	South	Green Hill Circle
Heather Ridge Lane	South	Green Hill Road
Heather Ridge Lane	West	Green Hill Road

Skyland Drive	West	U.S. 321 Bypass
Norwood Circle	South	U.S. 321
Pinnacle Avenue	North	U.S. 321
Pinnacle Avenue	South	The Rock Road
Gideon Ridge	North	The Rock Road
The Rock Road	East	U.S. 321
Church Street	East	U.S. 321 Bypass
Church Street	West	U.S. 321 Bypass
Henkle Street	East	Ransom Street
Henkle Street	West	Chestnut Drive
Chestnut Circle	East	Chestnut Drive
Chestnut Circle	South	Chestnut Drive
Grandfather Avenue	West	Chestnut Circle
Grandfather Avenue	East	Chestnut Drive
Chestnut Drive	West	Main Street

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Chestnut Drive	South	Main Street
Morris Street	South	Chestnut Drive
Morris Street	West	Main Street
Morris Street	North (from Chestnut)	Morris Street
Garden Circle	South	Morris Street
Buxton Road	North	Main Street
Laurel Park Road	North	Main Street
Twin Springs Road	West	Dogwood Lane
West Cornish Road	West	U.S. 321 and Main Street
West Cornish Road	East	U.S. 321 Bypass
Hill Street	South	U.S. 321 and Main Street
Hill Street	South	U.S. 321 and Main Street
Birch Street	South	Hill Street
Birch Street Extension	West	Birch Street
Birch Street	West	Morningside Drive
Rainey Street	West	Morningside Drive
Rainey Street	East	Hill Street
Morningside Drive	South	U.S. 221
Morningside Drive	South	Green Street
Green Street	West	U.S. 221
Green Street	East	U.S. 221
Park Avenue	East	Main Street and U.S. 321
Wallingford Street	South	Park Avenue
Wallingford Street	South	Laurel Lane
Wallingford Street	North	Laurel Lane
Laurel Lane	East	Main Street
Pine Street	East	Main Street
Pine Street	West	Wallingford Street
Chestnut Street	West	Wallingford Street
Chestnut Street	East	Main Street
Wallingford Street	South	Globe Road
Globe Road	East	Main Street
Clark Street	North	U.S. 221
Lakeside Drive	North	Clark Street
Meadow Lane	North	Laurel Lane

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Meadow Lane	West	Wonderland Trail
Cone Road	East	Laurel Lane
Cone Road	North	U.S. 221
Pinnacle Drive	West	Wonderland Trail
Mayview Rock Road	North	Laurel Lane
Wonderland Trail	North	Edgewood Path
Mountain View Drive	West	North White Pine

[Amended February 11, 2020]

Section 6A-6 Four Way Stop.

In accordance with Subsection 6-4(B), the administrator shall erect stop signs on the following streets at each approach to the intersection:

Street	Intersecting Street
Laurel Lane	Wallingford Street
Wallingford Street	Laurel Lane
Sunset Drive	Possum Hollow
Sunset Drive	Ransom Street

Section 6A-7 One Way Streets.

In accordance with Section 6-5, the following streets are designated as one way, with vehicular travel limited to the direction of travel indicated:

Street	Direction of Travel	From	To
Maple Street	East	Post Office Entrance	East Parking Ent.
Laurel Lane	West	Main Street	Wallingford Street
Laurel Lane	East	Wallingford Street	Main Street
Pine Street	West	Main Street	Wallingford Street
Wallingford Street	North	Pine Street	Laurel Lane

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Section 6A-8 Yield Intersections.

In accordance with Section 6-6, the administrator shall erect yield-right-of-way signs on the yield streets listed below along the approach to the main street as indicated:

Yield Street	Approach	Main Street
U.S. 321 - Main Street	U.S. 321 Bypass South	U.S. 321 Bypass
E. Cornish Road	Sunset Drive	Sunset Drive
Hilltop Way	West	Skyland Drive
Norwood Circle	West	Hilltop Way
Laurel Park Road	North	Dogwood Lane
Morningside Circle	South	Morningside Drive
Morningside Circle	East	Morningside Drive
Wonderland Trail	East	Laurel Lane
Clark Street	South	Laurel Lane
Laurel Lane	South	Edgewood Path
Wonderland Trail	North	Laurel Lane
Valleyview Road	North	Wonderland Trail

Section 6A-9 Turns Prohibited.

(A) In accordance with Section 6-7, no turns shall be permitted at the following intersections by persons operating a vehicle on the first named street in the indicated direction at the location of the second named street:

On Street	Direction	At Street
None		

(B) In accordance with Section 6-7, no person operating a vehicle on the first named street and moving in the direction indicated below may make a left turn onto the second named street at the times indicated below:

On Street	Direction	At Street	Times Prohibited
None			

(C) In accordance with Section 6-7, no person operating a vehicle on the first named street and moving in the direction indicated below may make a right turn onto the second named street at the times indicated below:

On Street	Direction	At Street	Times Prohibited
None			

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Section 6A-10 Crosswalks and Safety Zones.

(A) In accordance with Section 6-9, crosswalks shall be established on the following streets at the indicated locations:

Street	Location of Crosswalk
Main Street	Sunset Drive
Sunset Drive	Main Street
Sunset Drive	Blowing Rock School
Morris Street	Main Street
Main Street	Park Ave
Main Street	Laurel Lane
Main Street	Morris Street
Main Street	Hwy 221
Hwy 221	Main Street
Ginny Stevens Lane	Main Street
Wallingford Street	Parking Deck Entrance
Park Ave	Main Street
Wallingford Street	Laurel Lane
Laurel Lane	Wallingford Street
Laurel Lane	Main Street
Morris Street	Main Street
Sunset Drive	Maple Street
Sunset Drive	Mid-block between Maple and Ransom

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(B) In accordance with Section 6-9, safety zones shall be established on the following streets at the indicated locations:

Street	Location of Safety Zone
None	None

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Section 6A-11 Reserved.

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Section 6A-12 Speed Limits.

In accordance with subsection 6-20(B) the following speed limits are established for the streets indicated:

Speed Limit (MPH)	On Street	From	To
20	Sunset Drive	Main Street	Goforth Road
20	Ransom Street	Main Street	U.S. 321 Bypass
20	North White Pine St.	Sunset Drive	End
20	Spruce Road	Sunset Drive	Sunset Drive
20	Rickard Drive	Sunset Drive	End
20	Rhododendron Dr.	Sunset Drive	Sunset Drive
35	Goforth Road	U.S. 321	End
20	Rankin Road	Goforth Road	Goforth Road
20	Galax Lane	Goforth Road	Green Hill Road
25	Green Hill Road	U.S. 321	Green Hill Circle
35	Green Hill Road	Wonderland Drive	Green Hill Circle
20	Skyland Drive	Hilltop Way	U.S. 321 Bypass
20	Hilltop Way	Norwood Circle	End
20	Green Street	U.S. 221	U.S. 221
20	Wallingford Street	Globe Road	End
20	Pine Street	Wallingford Street	Main Street
20	Chestnut Street	Wallingford Street	Main Street
20	Laurel Lane	U.S. 221	Main Street
20	Clark Street	U.S. 221	Laurel Lane
20	Meadow Lane	Laurel Lane	Wonderland Trail
20	Edgewood Path	Laurel Lane	Wonderland Trail
20	Cone Road	Laurel Lane	U.S. 221
20	Pinnacle Drive	Wonderland Trail	End
20	Mayview Rock Road	Laurel Lane	End
20	Wonderland Trail	Laurel Lane	Laurel Lane
20	Valley View	Wonderland Trail	End
20	Pinnacle Avenue	S. Main Street	The Rock Road
20	The Rock Road	South Main Street	End
20	Henkle Street	Ransom Street	Chestnut Drive

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20	Chestnut Drive	Main Street	South Main Street
20	Chestnut Circle	Chestnut Drive	Chestnut Drive
20	Morris Street	Main Street	Chestnut Drive
20	Laurel Park Road	Main Street	Quail Hollow Drive
20	Dogwood Lane	Laurel Park Road	End
35	U.S. 321 - Main St.	City Limit South	Globe Road
20	U.S. 321 - Main St.	Globe Road	Hill Street
35	U.S. 321 - Main St.	Hill Street	U.S. 321 Bypass
35	U.S. 321 Bypass	City Limit North	U.S. 321- Main St. S.
20	West Cornish Road	U.S. 321 Bypass	U.S. 321 - Main Street
20	Hill Street	U.S. 321- Main St.	U.S. 321 - Main Street
20	Birch Street	Hill Street	Morningside Drive
20	Morningside Drive	U.S. 221	Green Street
20	Morningside Circle	Morningside Drive	Morningside Drive

Section 6A-13 Speed Limits Adjacent to Schools.

In accordance with subsection 6-20(C), the following reduced speed limits are established for the following streets adjacent to elementary or secondary schools. The reduced speed limits apply only during the period between thirty minutes before and thirty minutes after the regular school day.

Street	From	To	Speed Limit (MPH)
Sunset Drive	Main Street	Ransom Street	15

Section 6A-14 Parking Prohibited At All Times.

In accordance with Section 6-24, parking is prohibited at all times along the following streets or portions of streets:

On Street	Side	From	To
Clark Street	Both	Laurel Lane	Yonahlossee Road
Laurel Lane	North	Main Street	Clark Street
Laurel Lane	South	Main Street	Clark Street
Morris Street	Both	Main Street	Chestnut Drive
Sunset Drive	North	Ransom Street	Maple Street

[Amended February 13, 1996; April 9, 1996]

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Section 6A-15 Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours.

On Street	Side	From	To	Hours Prohibited
None				

Section 6A-16 Three Hour Parking Allowed.

In accordance with Section 6-24, parking is prohibited along the following streets or portions of streets for a period longer than three hours between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on any day except Sundays.

On Street	Side	From	To
Main Street	Both	U.S. 221	John's River Road
Sunset Drive	Both	Main Street	Ransom Street
Park Ave	North	Main Street	Wallingford Street
Pine Street	Right	Main Street	Wallingford Street

[Amended February 11, 2020]

Section 6A-17 No-thru Truck Streets.

In accordance with Section 6-11 with stated exceptions, vehicles with more than 2 axles are prohibited on the following streets or portions of streets:

Street	From	To
Morris Street	Blowing Rock School	Chestnut Drive
Lower Chestnut Drive	Main Street	Blowing Rock Hospital
Pine Street	Main Street	Wallingford Street
Wonderland Trail	Laurel Lane	Laurel Lane
Ransom Street	Sunset Drive	Valley Blvd
Morningside Drive	Hwy 221	Green Street
Maple Street	Main Street	Sunset Drive

[Adopted August 8, 2006]

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